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Patentee: Prengaman et al.

Patent No. 6,224,723

Application No. 09/603,707

Filed: June 27, 2000

Issue Date: May 1, 2001

Title of Invention: Electrowinning Anodes  
Which Rapidly Produce A Protective Oxide  
Coating

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed May 30, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued May 1, 2001. The last day of the grace period for paying the three and one-half (3½) year maintenance fee was May 1, 2005. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378 (c).

The address on the petition differs from the correspondence address of record. If appropriate petitioner should submit a change of correspondence address. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the present petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified

patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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